AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims would replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A speech recognition support method applied to a system to retrieve a map in response to a user's input speech, comprising the steps of:

assigning a recognition result to the user's input speech;

calculating, if the recognition result of the user's input speech represents a point on the map, a distance between the point and a base point on the map;

deciding whether the distance is above a threshold; and

outputting, if the distance is above the threshold, an inquiry to confirm whether the recognition result is correct.

2. (Original) The speech recognition support method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

if the distance is not above the threshold,

outputting the recognition result without the inquiry.

3. (Currently Amended) The speech recognition support method according to claim 1,

further comprising the step of:

if the recognition result ~~does not represent a point~~ is a vocabulary not including a position coordinate on the map,

outputting at least the recognition result ~~with the inquiry or without the inquiry based on a set status~~.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

19. (Original) A speech recognition support apparatus for retrieving a map in response to a user's input speech, comprising:

a speech recognition unit configured to assign a recognition result to the user's input speech;

a distance decision unit configured to calculate a distance between a point of the recognition result and a

base point on the map if the recognition result represents a point on the map, and to decide whether the distance is above a threshold; and

a response generation unit configured to generate an inquiry to confirm whether the recognition result is correct if the distance is above the threshold.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A computer readable memory containing computer readable instructions in a system to retrieve a map in response to a user's input speech, comprising:

instruction means for causing a computer to assign a recognition result to the user's input speech;

instruction means for causing a computer to calculate, if the recognition result of the user's input speech represents a point on the map, a distance between the point and a base point on the map;

instruction means for causing a computer to decide whether the distance is above a threshold; and

instruction means for causing a computer to output, if the distance is above the threshold, an inquiry to confirm whether the recognition result is correct.

Claim 22. (Canceled)